



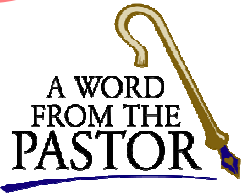
# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, February 9, 2014

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The Board of Stewards at Bluff Park UMC is comprised of over seventy leaders in our church. The purpose of this board is to oversee, align and evaluate the ministries and missions of our congregation. This board also serves as the administrative agency of the Charge Conference, the main voting body of our church.

Last night, our Board of Stewards met for the first time in 2014 and made some wonderful decisions for our church. Here are some of the things on the horizon for Bluff Park this

year:

1. Our church has adopted a \$1.517 million dollar budget for this year. This budget includes several investments such as \$25,000 for our Chile Mission Trip, new staff for Finance and Communication, as well as a 1% raise for our staff. You will be hearing more about our budget in the coming month.
2. We heard updates from the Building Team and how we are moving forward with research on a new Fellowship Hall and youth and children space.
3. We heard the report from Ministry Architects, the consulting firm that did an assessment of our Children's and Family Ministries. The board approved using this consulting firm for an intensive coaching program for 18 months to help us provide excellent structure and ministry for our children.
4. We heard a report from the Trustees who voted to use the generous gift from the estate of a church member to build an outdoor pavilion and green space for us all to use and enjoy right here on our church property.
5. We announced two new mission initiatives this year. One is to raise just over \$8,000 for Imagine No Malaria which combats malaria in Africa with education, treatment and prevention. Our Bishop has challenged every church in North Alabama to raise money for this mission and if every church does its part, we will raise \$1 million dollars and save 100,000 lives. Bluff Park will save 800 lives this year alone if we meet our goal.
6. Our second mission initiative is to build a Habitat for Humanity home this year. Each Habitat home costs about \$50,000 to build and thanks to the work of our own Tom Duley and Jim McCrary, \$25,000 will come from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. Then, thanks to a generous anonymous member of our congregation who agreed to give \$15,000 to this project, we already have \$40,000 at this point. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 so that we have an additional \$5,000 with which to cover any unforeseen expenses as well as to provide housewarming gifts for the family who will live in the home.

As you can see, we have many things to be excited about this year! We had several other important reports and happenings, but we might take the whole newsletter in order to report those. Please know that we have leaders in this congregation that are committed to helping all of us to love God, to love others, and to change the world.

Here's to the possibilities this year as we live out God's dream here at Bluff Park UMC!

*Mike*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>FEBRUARY 16</b>    | <b>BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE—PADGETT PREACHES</b> |
| <b>FEBRUARY 21-22</b> | <b>BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF</b>                 |
| <b>FEBRUARY 23</b>    | <b>CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST</b>             |
| <b>FEBRUARY 23</b>    | <b>ORGAN RECITAL at 4:00</b>                 |
| <b>FEBRUARY 28</b>    | <b>SILENT AUCTION</b>                        |

Evening worship returns on Sunday, February 9th at 6:00 pm with Tom Duley preaching.



Living Room Study for Young Adults in February! Stay tuned for dates and information!

We will have a **new member class** Sunday, February 9 in the parlor. This class will be an opportunity to learn more about our denomination, our church, and how you can get involved.

**Food Pantry Training and Lunch on Sunday, February 16. 11:00** First Training Session; 12:00 Lunch and Fellowship After worship service 12:45 Second Training Session We have several opportunities for volunteering. Please join us. RSVP to Theresa Richerson at 441-3467 [theresaricherson@gmail.com](mailto:theresaricherson@gmail.com)

**Donations Needed!** The Silent Auction committee is still looking for donations for this year's auction. Please contact Megan Wise at [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com) or 978-2907 or see the table in the narthex to donate an item. All donations are tax deductible!

**Rock-a-thon—Morgan United Methodist Church—** Saturday, February 22. Money raised goes to support the McCoy Adult Day Care Center of the United Methodist Center for Senior Citizens. It provides a variety of services to allow fragile and frail adults to main the highest level of independence with dignity. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself is the Rock eternal.



There will be a **Garden Work Day on Saturday, February 15th** from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We will be clearing brush in order to construct a compost bin out of pallets. We will be using hand saws, loppers, and weed eaters to clear. There will be briars and stickers so dress appropriately. All age groups are welcome including children. We will have something appropriate for them to do. It is come and go. The gardens are located between the Columbarium and the Korean Catholic Church.

**February 23 and March 2 - A New Mini Sermon Series**  
**He Said; She Said**



Revs. Mike and Julie Holly will preach on the same scripture two Sundays in a row, sharing two perspectives on the same text. Mike will preach on February 23rd and Julie will join us on March 2nd. Rev. Julie Holly is the Minister of Contemporary Worship at Canterbury UMC. She was previously the lead pastor at Discovery UMC in Hoover, AL. We are excited to have Mike's wife join us in worship!

**MEMORIALS**

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

- Kyle Garwick* by Currun and Marjorie Humphrey
  - Ralph Drennen* by Roy and Bobbye Guyton
  - Olys Hildreth* by Roy and Bobbye Guyton
  - Jim Small* by Roy and Bobbye Guyton, J. B. and Margaret Dover
  - Brenda Moore* by Mike and Sandy Miller
  - Loy Jones Brother* by Mike and Sandy Miller
  - Martha Craig* by Evelyn McRee
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Nancy Williams* by Laura Boren
- PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND**
- Louise Sturdivant* by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
- Virginia Wilson* by John and Ruth Calloway
  - James Anchors* by Julia Dunne
- MUSIC FUND**
- Glenn and Della Hall* by Tricia Cowart

**MISSIONS**

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

- Faye Sims* by Bob and Becky Walker
- Ralph Drennen* by Martha McLemore
- Marcel Crain* by Martha McLemore, Barbara Morgan
- Lurline Waldrep* by Canterbury Class, Ken and Kay Adams

**WHITE CHRISTMAS**

- John H. Pearson* by Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Pearson
- Linda Ferrell Corkill* by Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Pearson

**PASTORAL COUNSELING**

- Faye Sims* by Bob and Becky Walker

**CHRISTEN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

- O. C. Holloway* by Harry and Peggy Hill
- Please note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

**HONORARIUM**

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

- Betsy Guy and Debra McCallum** by Home Improvement Class
  - JB Thrasher and Maintenance Crew** by Bill and Peggy Fields
  - Linda Small** by J. B. and Margaret Dover
- ADULT CHOIR**
- John Compton** by Dan and Allison Singleton
- FOOD PANTRY**
- Ray and Norma Thweatt** by Beth, Michael, Amelia, and Nathan Johnston
- STUDENT MINISTRIES**
- Margaret Dover** by "the Jones Girls"
- CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**
- BUILDING FUND**
- Matt Reeder** by the Fishermen Class
  - Sylvia Sumners** by the Fishermen Class
  - Charles Trucks** by the Fishermen Class
  - Richard Joiner** by the Fishermen Class
  - Elizabeth Davis** by the Fishermen Class
  - Jackie Wesson** by the Fishermen Class
  - John and Pat Compton** by the Fishermen Class
- PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**
- Bobby Guyton** by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class
  - Steve Lawson** by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class
  - Phil Cartrette** by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class
  - Sam Vogt** by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class
- UNDER THE BRIDGE**
- Volunteers Under the Bridge** by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class
- WHITE CHRISTMAS**
- Becky Walker** by Tuesday Morning Bible Study
  - Donna and Edgar Harris** by Joan and Stretch Dunn
  - Leslie and Rex Jones** by Stretch and Joan Dunn

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP**- Exit 456 is March 7-8 at Camp Sumatanga. We will leave the church at Friday 4:30p.m. and be back Saturday at 4:30p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Information packets are on the Welcome Center counter and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor information table. Deadline for registration is Feb. 15. Our own youth director, Bart Styes will be one of the speakers!

**NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** will be Monday Feb. 17. We will go to Ruffner Mountain. Cost is \$30.00. We will provide lunch. There is room for 21 students. please make your reservation today if you want your elementary child to go with us. The gym door will open at 7:30a.m. We will be back by 4p.m. Please pick your child up by 5:30p.m.

**THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY** is March 7. It is 6-7:30p.m. and in the Opportunity classroom. This is for all preschoolers and their families. We will have royalty to visit and tell some magical tales! Please make your family's reservation by contacting Leigh Delashaw @ [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org) or calling 822-0910, ext. 107.

**ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be taught by the Cornerstone Class this month! Thank you to all who are going to teach and shepherd. The unit this month is called Isaac and Rebekah.

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP** will not be meeting on Sunday nights until a new coordinator is found.

**BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF** Consignment Sale is Feb. 21 and 22. Make sure you come by and check out the spring clothing sale!

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS** The Children's Council is collecting gift cards for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a \$10 (or higher amount!) gift card please give it to Leigh Delashaw, Ivy Holmes or Molly Knight. These will be used in the Balloon Popping Game!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**Confirmation Class** begins on Sunday, February 16. Students who want to be confirmed as full, confessing members of our congregation on Sunday, April 27 are required to attend 8 of the 10 class topics we offer. We'll have one extra class at the end to make up any missed topics. Our plan is to teach on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10am). If needed, we will consider adding a Wednesday afternoon class. Parents, check your email inbox for more info.

Exit 456 Retreat, March 7-8. Our **6th graders** will join our 4th and 5th graders for this conference-wide retreat at Sumatanga. Contact Bart to get your registration packet. This optional, but highly encouraged, event will serve as part of our Confirmation experience.

**Wednesday, February 5, 5:30pm:** MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

**Wednesday, February 5, 6:30pm:** Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, February 9, 10:00am:** Sunday School in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, February 9, 4:00pm:** Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 9, 5:30pm:** Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 9, 6:00pm:** HS Girls Small Group & Serve Night

**Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm:** MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

**Wednesday, February 12, 6:30pm:** Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THURSDAY, FEB. 6:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Matthew Hamilton—Before I Die Wall....  
Sharing Dreams and Thoughts With Others—Everyone Invited!

**SATURDAY, FEB. 8:** **BPUMC RED HAT LUNCHEON** 12:00 noon—Mary Jane Wesler's home  
979-8047 for reservations

**TUESDAY, FEB. 11** **CAMP SUMATANGA**—Devotion, Yvonne Sellers (Dawson Baptist Church),  
Bible Story, Sally Frederickson (BPUMC), Music, Lunch, Mystery Side Trip  
9:00-3:00

**THURSDAY, FEB. 13:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Jack Owens, retired FBI Agent

**THURSDAY, FEB. 20:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—FH—Karen Haiflich, Medicare/ Insurance Update

**SUNDAY, FEB 23:** **CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST** Fellowship Hall, 10:00-10:45

Each Sunday School Class, please send 2 representatives.

### Special Moment with Jesus!

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Psalm 33:21

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Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org



**The Week of February 2-8**

**Sunday, February 2**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. New Member Class  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

**Monday, February 3**

**Tuesday, February 4**  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Community Ministries

**Wednesday, February 5**

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry  
4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, February 5**

6:00 p.m. Russia and the Olympics  
6:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, February 6**

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

**Friday, February 7**

**Saturday, February 8**

**Ushers**

8:45: Adams 11:00: Alley

**Cross**

8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski  
**Acolytes**

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Carolyne Hecklinski  
**Children's Church**

8:45 Schillaci 11:00 Bogart

Meal on Wheels February 12: Debra McCallum  
Greeters February 12: Fishermen Class  
Food Pantry: March 5: Sylvia Sumners

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**

**1st Wednesday each month**

We are serving 200+ families a month.  
We appreciate all donations!

**Last Week's Record**

January 26, 2014

Youth/Children	72/66
Morning Worship	620
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$27,100.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Needed to Date	\$145,946.80
Received to Date	\$122,004.20
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,149.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$25,422.26
New Members in 2014	7

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	1,949.00
Received to Date	\$402,016.58

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**  
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church  
Office

**Men's Free Play Basketball  
In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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**Sermon, February 9, 2014**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"Maintaining Our Focus"**  
**(Deuteronomy 34:1-7)**  
**Mike Holly**

**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning!  
Drive to the covered  
entrance near the nursery  
and Fellowship Hall.

**MIDWEEK MEAL: February 5**

Baked fish, rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables casserole or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

**February 12**

Hamburger steak, rice/gravy, been casserole or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

**Wed. Night  
Servers—Feb. 5**

Fellowship Hall—  
Canterbury  
Take Out—  
Mahala, Peggy, and Gail